Interest on loan given to farmers to be Treated as subsidy

967. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chairman of the All India Farmers Forum, on 1st January last, in Hyderabad, had demanded that the interest component on loans given to farmers by banks, be treated as Government's subsidy; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARY): (a) and (b) Chairman of the All India Farmers' Forum, while addressing the Andhra Pradesh Branch of Farmers' Forum of India and the Andhra Pradesh branch of Young Farmers' Forum of India is reported to have suggested that there should not be any interest on loans given to farmers, and the interest component should be treated as Government subsidy. There is no proposal under consideration to treat interest component as Government subsidy.

Credit distributed by banks in Gujarat

968. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what was the amount of credit distributed by various branches of nationalised banks in Gujarat during 1984, 1985 and 1986: and

(b) what was the credit and deposit ratio of nationalised banks in Gujarat since 1984 to 1986?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Outstanding advances and credit-deposit ratio of public sector banks in the State of Gujarat as at the end of December 1984, December 1985 and September 1986 is set out below:—

(Amount in Rs. Crores)

As at the end of	Advances	Credit : Deposit Ratio (Rs.)
Decembe 1984	2552	54·9
December 1985	2867	54·3
September 1986	3191	55·1

Note: Data are provisional.

Investment companies associated with big Industrial Houses

1969. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of investments in companies and loans in excess of Rupees one lakh to such companies on the security of the shares/debentures during the last three years;

(b) the details of the investment companies which are associated/owned by top 20 Industrial Houses in the country; and

(c) the amount of loans given to such investment companies by the commercial banks and the purpose for which such loans were given?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) According to the Reserve Bank of India the required data are not generally collected and hence are not available.

(b) and (c) It is proposed to request R.B.I. and other concerned institutions to collect the information.

Setting up of a board for industrial and financial reconstruction

1970. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to statee:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction was to be set up under the Sick Undertakings Act of the Government of India;

(b) if so, the details about the constitution of the Board, the names of its office bearers, and the functions allotted to them; and